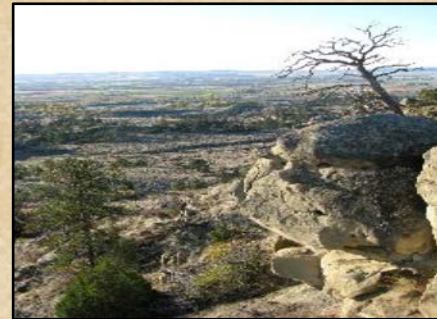




**Central Asia Conservation Initiative
Kazakhstan and Sustainable Use**



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MISSION

“Putting and Keeping Sheep on the Mountain”



Partnerships

**Western Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies Wild Sheep
Working Group**

International Union for Conservation of Nature (SULi & SUME)

Safari Club International Foundation MOU

Federal Agencies



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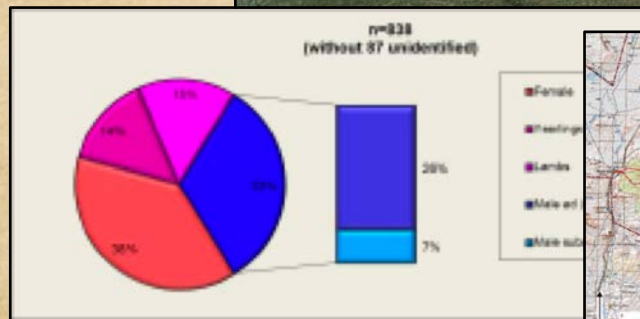
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**Ownership in:
Conservation
Sustainable-use
Enhancement**



Science-based Foundation



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Found - [wildsheepfoundation.org](https://www.wildsheepfoundation.org)

Under - Mission and Programs

https://www.wildsheepfoundation.org/cache/DOC215_2018-08-22WSFI-CV2025CentralAsiaConservationInitiative.pdf?20181012032739

12 Enhancement goals/program elements:

- 1. Work w/IUCN Species Survival Commission Caprinae Specialist Group to sponsor,
Facilitate and participate in Red-List assessments for Caprinae species world-wide.**
- 2. Build in-country ownership and political will of stakeholders**
- 3. Establish wild sheep and wild goat population monitoring.**
- 4. Science based sustainable legal harvest expectations**

5. Seasonal habitat use and population movement patterns.

6. Habitat conservation management and enhancement strategies.

7. Disease monitoring of wild sheep and goats.

8. Genetic monitoring of wild sheep and goats.

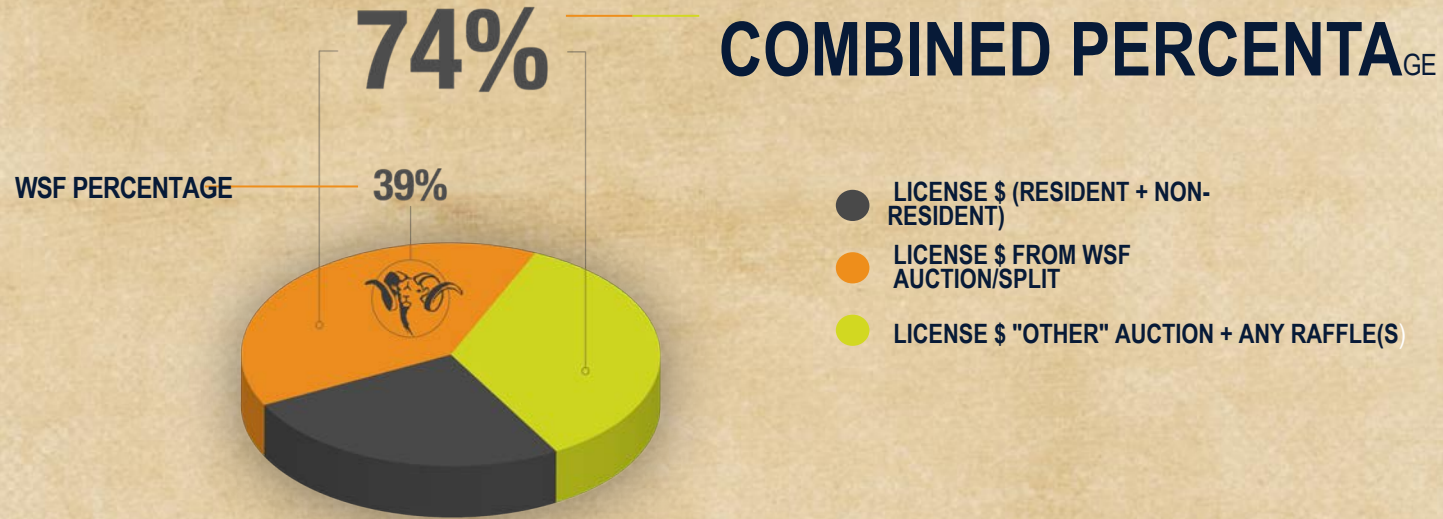


9. Country-specific and species-specific Conservation Management Fee

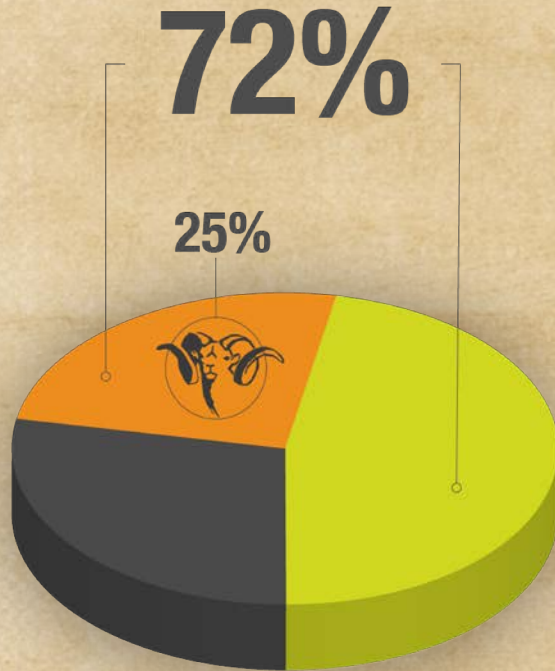
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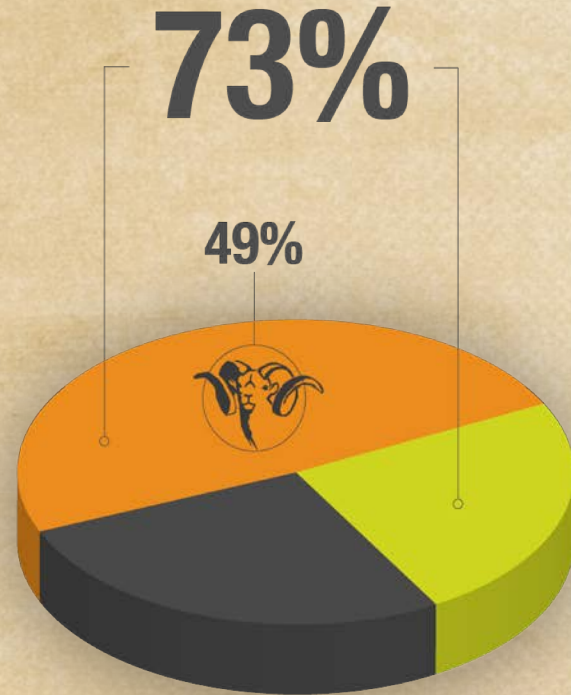
**WHOLE PIE REPRESENTS TOTAL WILD
SHEEP REVENUE**




Nevada



Montana



10. Short duration manager-to-manager exchanges.

11. As populations  advocate for sustainable harvest opportunities and international trade (CITES),
With focus on US, EU and Central Asia.

12. Support legal citizen hunting.



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7TH WORLD MOUNTAIN UNGULATE CONFERENCE



September 10 – 13, 2019

Bozeman, Montana



7th World Mountain Ungulate Conference

Endorsed by:



caprinae
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Kazakhstan Conservation Program Up-date

WSF Kazakhstan Update

5 subspecies of wild sheep in Kazakhstan

- Altai argali, *O. a. ammon* - 10
- Karaganda argali, *O. a. collium* - 12337
- Tian Shan argali, *O. a. karelini* - 2467
- Kara Tau argali, *O. a. nigrimontana* - 479
- Urial *Ovis orientalis vignei* - 1500



Project Elements Completed by Kazakhstan –to date

- **MOU with WSF, SCIF and Kazakh Tourism.**
- **Under CACI Umbrella -
project w/biological justification for 3 argali - agreed with
government agencies.**
- **6 TV programs about conservation and sustainable use in
Kazakhstan.**
- **Submitted recommendation to improve trophy hunting legislation.**
- **Identified model areas for first phase.**

- 2019 Field Reviews & Key Meetings -



- **May - Field reviews/Ministry meetings. (Kurt & Jack)**
- **September - Bishkek IUCN SULi. (Brett, Gray, Jack, Kurt, Shane, Joe)**



- **September -
Kazakhstan Field review & Ministry meetings. (Brett & Gray)
Tajikistan Field review. (Jack & Joe)**





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Conservation and Restoration of Mountain Sheep Populations in the Republic of Kazakhstan
through the Development of Trophy Hunting Tourism
(Kazakhstan Argali Conservation Project)

Surveys of Argali Populations in Severo-Vostochnoe (Karaganda Region),
Tarbagatay and Zaysanskoe (East-Kazakhstan Region)



October – November 2018

Implemented by "V.I. Vernadskiy Non-governmental Ecological Foundation Kazakhstan"

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On-The-Ground Actions

➤ Ground Surveys in 3 Geographic Areas, November 2018.





Hands On Necropsy Training

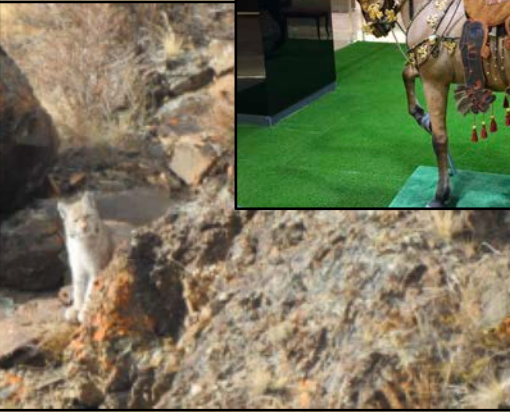
**Instructional Video
Shown and Provided to
Central Asia SULi
Russian Language**



Actions for Spring 2019

- **Formation of Kazakhstan Wildlife Foundation – end of March.
FIRST Central Asia WSF Affiliate!**
- **Map of Population #s & Permit Distribution – end of March.
No more than 2.5% harvest on any Population Unit.**
- **Repeat of Fall Survey.**





Reliable Funding

Political Will

Cultural and
Institutionalized
Conservation Ethic
Based on Good Science

Sense of Ownership

People need to have access to their resources

